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SUBJECT: EC GSP TOBACCO QUOTA

REF: (A) STATE 168133, (B) DUBLIN 1356

1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH DEPARTMENTS OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNSELLOR MCCABE DISCUSSED WITH US QUESTION OF EC GSP TOBACCO QUOTA. AS BACKGROUND, HE NOTED THAT DEPRECIATION OF POUND IS PRIMARY FACTOR IN PUSHING TOBACCO IMPORTS FROM CXT CATEGORY 24.01B TO 24.01 A1. ANOTHER FACTOR THAT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND, HE ADDED, IS THAT IRELAND IMPORTS

SEMI-PROCESSED LEAF (I.E., WITH STEMS REMOVED) AND THE TOBACCO IS THEREFORE MORE EXPENSIVE TO START WITH. THUS, MCCABE SAID, RESTRICTING GSP TO 24.01B DOES NOT SUIT IRELAND'S INTERESTS. OF THE PROPOSED 38,000 TON QUOTA, 1,500 TONS IS ALLOCATED TO IRELAND.

2. REGARDING SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION (PARAGRAPH 4, REF A) GOI BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED (IN TERMS OF EC PROCEDURES) TO PUT INTO EFFECT. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS  
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THE PROPOSED QUOTA WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR ONLY FIVE MONTHS (I.E.

FROM AUGUST 1 UNTIL DECEMBER 31 WHEN IT WOULD BE SUPERSEDED BY THE MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER), AND THAT FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD THE ADJUSTMENTS ENVISAGED BY THE PROPOSED USG SOLUTION WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE JUSTIFIED. FINALLY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS INSIST PROPOSED QUOTA WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON IRISH IMPORTS OF US TOBACCO. REASONING IS THAT IRELAND IN 1975 IMPORTED ONLY 1,800 TONS OF TOBACCO FROM LDC'S AND THIS IS LITTLE MORE THAN IRELAND'S SHARE OF PROPOSED 38,000 TON QUOTA.

3. SUMMING UP, MCCABE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED, IRELAND WOULD FIND IT HARD TO BACK DOWN AT THIS POINT. FURTHERMORE, THE IRISH REGARD PROPOSED QUOTA AS BEING IN THEIR INTEREST.  
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